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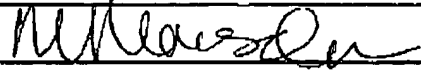
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Applicants elect to prosecute the Group I claims (1, 2, 9, 10, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 25-29, 31, 33, 36, 38, 41, 42, 44, 46, 54, 58, 60-89 and 92-96) drawn to an analytical apparatus for performing chemical assays and an associated method for operating the apparatus. This election

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